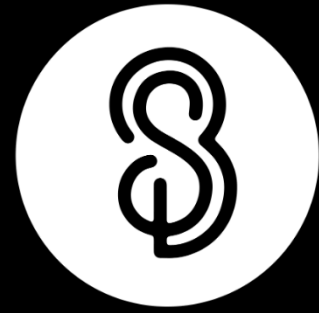


## STONEBRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



### ICEBREAKER:

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

*The Road Not Taken* is a popular poem by Robert Frost, presenting our need to choose the path to walk in life. The speaker must choose between two paths. One is a little more worn and easier, the other is less traveled and perhaps more difficult. The speaker assesses which is better (not which is easier), because he wisely knows that "way leads on to way" and the choice will set the direction of his walk in life.

## TALK IT OVER:

1. Why do you think the speaker in *The Road Not Taken* chose the road less traveled and, looking back in the autumn of his life, was grateful that he did? Explain the point that “way leads on to way” (i.e., how our decisions and steps in life determine our direction).

### **Read Deuteronomy 5:32-33; 5:7-21**

2. Explain why Deuteronomy 5:32-33 emphasizes the importance of not turning off of God’s path and staying obedient in “all” his commands. What is the risk of following self and taking a step off the path?
3. The command in Deuteronomy 5:32-33 follows the 10 commandments in Deuteronomy 5:7-21. Explain how the first 4 commandments focus on our relationship with God and the following 6 commandments focus on our morality. Is there a connection between following God and living with true morality? Explain.

### **Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

4. Explain the responsibility this passage places on parents, and on Christians, to share the gospel.
5. Will loving God “with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength” (v. 5) motivate you to walk with him? Explain.

### **Read Matthew 22:34-40**

6. Explain Jesus’ two commands in this passage. Is there a connection between loving God, on the one hand, and truly loving your neighbor, on the other hand?
7. Explain how Jesus commands focus on our way of living and our walk of life, as opposed to giving us a list of rules to follow?
8. Many people, often opponents of Christianity, describe Christianity as a bunch of rules. Do you think Christianity is about rules or about walking with God? Explain the difference.
9. Have you ever experienced, from a good step or decision (or a bad one), that “way leads on to way” to ultimately good (or bad) results for you or someone else? What steps can you take in your life to move toward loving God “with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength” (Deuteronomy 6:5)?

## PRAYER:

Pray to God this week, and together as a group, to thank him for his generous grace, to fill you with his love, and to show you ways to share the gospel with others.

- Make sure that everyone has a chance to share!
- Encourage all praise reports! Celebrate what God has done!
- Have someone record and distribute the requests to your group, to pray over throughout the week.

**Walk This Way, March 16, 2025**